



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 15

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Definition of marriage. Provides that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Indiana. Provides that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 15, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary

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Introduced

First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning marriage.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Sixteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
- 6 STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A **NEW**
- 7 SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 38. Only a marriage**
- 8 **between one (1) man and one (1) woman shall be valid or**
- 9 **recognized as a marriage in Indiana. A legal status identical or**
- 10 **substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals**
- 11 **shall not be valid or recognized.**



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